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Rotary International Proclamation World Rotary Day - February 23, 2012 Proclamation 12-01

WHEREAS, Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois USA, is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations; and

WHEREAS, there are over 1.2 million Rotary club members comprised of professional and business leaders in over 33,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic areas; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, Rotary funds club projects and sponsors volunteers with community expertise to provide medical supplies, health care, clean water, food production, job training, and education to millions in need, particularly in developing countries; and

WHEREAS, Rotary in 1985 launched PolioPlus and spearheaded efforts with the World Health Organization, U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF to immunize the children of the world against polio; and

WHEREAS, polio cases have dropped by 99 percent since 1988 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and

WHEREAS, To date, Rotary has contributed nearly US\$850 million and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries; and

WHEREAS, Rotary has raised \$100 million towards a \$200 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for a total \$355 million; and

WHEREAS, These efforts are providing much needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and parents; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute over \$4 billion to the effort; and

WHEREAS, Rotary is the world's largest privately-funded source of international scholarships and promotes international understanding through scholarships, exchange programs and humanitarian grants; and

WHEREAS, about 40,000 students from 130 countries have studied abroad since 1947 as Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars; and

WHEREAS, Rotary's Group Study Exchange program has helped more than 67,000 young professionals explore their career fields in other countries; and

WHEREAS, 7,000 secondary-school students each year experience life in another country through Rotary's Youth Exchange program; and

WHEREAS, there are 237 Rotary club members in 8 clubs in East and Central Pasco County sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities, and abroad.

Therefore, I, William E. Hamilton, Mayor of the Town of St Leo, Florida,, do hereby proclaim February 23 2012, as Rotary Day in St. Leo, and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing Rotary International for its more than 105 years of service to improving the human condition in local communities around the world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Town of St. Leo, Pasco County, Florida on this 13th day of February 2012.

Passed and Adopted by the Town of St. Leo, Florida, this 13th day of February 2012.



William E. Hamilton
William E. Hamilton, Mayor

Joan Miller
Joan Miller, MMC Town Clerk